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Updates on the IFR EBA Reporting Framework Testing Portal

The following information should be read in conjunction with the [Investment Firms Regulation – 2019/2033](#), its provisions and any regulations issued thereunder, including but not limited to the [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2284](#), its annexes, all templates, and instructions. Reference is also being made to section '[EBA Reporting Framework 4.2](#)' of the [Investment Services Supervision Regulatory Briefing](#).

On the 16th of December 2025, the Malta Financial Services Authority (the 'MFSA' or the 'Authority') issued a [circular](#) regarding the upcoming changes resulting from the shift to EBA Taxonomy 4.2.

The Authority would like to inform MIFID Firms of a testing phase taking place **between the 9th and the 20th of February 2026**. During this window, MIFID Firms will have the opportunity to participate in the testing exercise, by submitting test **XBRL-CSV** files via the **LH Portal testing environment**, available in the following location: <https://testlhportalexternal.mfsa.mt>. The Authority highly encourages MIFID firms to participate. This testing environment replicates the functionality of the live LH Portal, used for regular regulatory reporting submissions. Registered users of the LH Portal live environment may access the LH Portal testing environment using their existing login credentials.

As the testing exercise is limited to validation of the upload and submission process through LH Portal, MIFID Firms may use dummy or test data. No binding checks will be performed on the completeness or accuracy of reported data points and, accordingly, any automated feedback relating to data content should be disregarded. For the purposes of this exercise, MIFID Firms should only consider whether XBRL-CSV files have been successfully uploaded and processed by the LH Portal. Notwithstanding the above, submitted files are expected to comply with the applicable technical requirements, including the correct file structure, naming conventions and other relevant specifications.

For the purposes of this exercise, MIFID Firms are required to use the **ITS version 4.2 framework**, including applicable templates and naming conventions, as set out in the respective [EBA website section](#).

MIFID Firms are being reminded that the changes to the module in the file naming convention and the use of the **XBRL-CSV format will apply to returns for reference periods on or after March 2026**.

Contacts

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